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In re Application of:

Nabors, et al.

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Application No.: 09/188,863

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For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating the Identification and Purchase of a Product

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Examiner: Le, K.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response is offered in response to the final Office Action mailed July 25, 2001. In light of the offered amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

Currently Pending Claims:

(Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;

transmitting a request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFO including the customer's desired configuration; and

notifying the requesting customer upon receipt of quotes in response to the transmitted RFQ

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